

REMARKS

**Status of Claims:**

Claims 1-25 are present for examination.

**Rejections Under Section 112:**

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

By way of the instant amendment, applicant has amended the claims noted to remove the basis of each of the rejections as set forth in paragraph 3 of the outstanding Office Action. Much of the objected to language has simply been deleted.

With regard to the preamble limitations, applicant has amended claims 8 and 12-18 to make it clear that a “system” is being recited. Moreover, the “storage medium” claims have been amended such that the program is being executed in the recited on – demand service expanding system.

It is submitted that all of applicant’s claims are now in full compliance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

**Conclusion:**

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of

papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R.

§1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Written Description:

On page 1, paragraph beginning at line 16, amend as follows:

An example of a conventional service expanding system is described in a literary document of a lecture on November 15, 1999 “Application Front-end and the Management Middleware Thereof” by Tomohiro ~~Iikura~~Igakura, Tohru Egashira, and yoshiaki Kiriha: Study Group for Telecommunication Management (TM) in Academic Conference of Electronics, Information and Communication.